Supply of Janata Clothes

@2828. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that "Janata Clothes" have been made available throughout the country including in the State of Arunachal Pradesh for poorer section of the people; and

(b) if so, whether these are being distributed through Co-operative Stores or through private organisation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) : (a) The Janata Cloth Scheme is available for implementation by all the States/UTs in the country including Arunachal Pradesh. The Scheme, inter alia, provides for supply of cloth at affordable prices to the poorer section of the people. Currently the scheme is implemented in 19 States and one Union Territory. The State Government of Arunachal Pradesh is yet to come up with a proposal for taking part in the scheme.

(b) Janata Cloth is distributed through retailers of Public Distribution System and outlets of implementing agencies. The retailers of RDS could be cooperatives, private retailers or public sector undertakings.

Upliftment of Poor Handloom Weavers

2829. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that lakhs of handloom weavers have been thrown out of work as a result of export of cotton and cotton yarn;

(b) if so, what remedial steps are being taken by Government for the upliftment of poor handloom weavers;

(c) whether Government have allowed exporters to import duty free silk yarn to earn 100 percent profit while the weavers have been denied any reduction in the import duty of Chinese raw silk; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) : (a) There is no evidence to show that lakhs of handloom weavers have been thrown out of work as a result of export of cotton and cotton yarn.

(b) The export quotas for cotton and cotton yarn are released by Government only after taking into consideraton the requirements of domestic textile industry including that of handloom sector. In order to safeguard the interests of handloom sector the export of hank yarn of counts upto 60s is not being permitted.

(c) and (d) Import of dutyfree raw silk is permitted under Advance Licence Scheme and 100% export oriented units only. Under these schemes import is related to production for export purposes. Taking into consideration the hardship being faced by silk handloom weavers on account of inadequate availability as well as high prices of silk, Government of India has decided to import 200 metric tonnes of raw silk. In the budget for 1992-93 the rate of import duty on raw silk has been reduced from 55% to 30% ad valorem.

Loss Suffered by B.I.C.L. Group Companies

2830. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have proposed a provision on Rs. 53 crore for the modernisation of the British India Corporation group of companies during the Eighth Plan period;

(b) whether the losses in the B.I.C. mills during the last one year has gone up and the production capacity of mills have fallen considerably;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to replace the management with experienced one before investing Rs. 53 crores in B.I.C. mills; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) : (a) The Ministry of Textiles has proposed a provision of Rs. 53 crores towards modernisation of the British India Corporation Limited group of Companies as a part of its proposals for the 8th Five Year Plan.

(b) Yes, Sir.

@Previously Unstarred Question 2310, transferred from the 12th March, 1992.

(c) and (d) The main reasons for the low performance of the B.I.C. group of companies have been severe working capital constraints, obsolete plant and machinery, non-availability of essential raw material, heavy interest burden, high cost of production, etc. There is no proposal under consideration at present to restructure the management of the BIC group of companies.

घाटे में चल रही एन टी सी मिलों के बारे में किया गया अध्ययन

2831. **श्री राम जेठमलानी :**
सरदार जगजीत सिंह अरोड़ा :

क्या **वस्त्र** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि 1986 में घाटे में चल रही एन टी सी की कपड़ा मिलों के कार्यकरण के बारे में एक विस्तृत अध्ययन कराया गया था;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या उस अध्ययन से इन मिलों में घाटा होने के मुख्य कारणों का पता चला था;

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने गत वर्षों के दौरान इस स्थिति में सुधार लाने के लिए कदम उठाए हैं; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो उनका ब्यौरा क्या है और कितनी मिलों को व्यवहार्य बना दिया गया है?

वस्त्र मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री अशोक गहलोत) : (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) से (घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठते।

Memorandum from the Staff Association of Birds Jute & Exports Ltd., Calcutta

2832. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether a copy of the Memorandum dated 15.11.91 from the Staff Association of Birds Jute and Exports Ltd., Calcutta, addressed to the Chairman, Birds Juts & Exports Ltd., Calcutta, has been received by Government;

(b) whether the memorandum deals with problem arising out of unwisely proportion of Senior Administrative Officers and inefficiency in the Management; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir

(c) The Memorandum has been forwarded to the Jute Commissioner, who is at present, looking after the work of BJEL, for appropriate action.

12.00 Noon

[The Deputy Chairman in the Chair

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Notifications of The Ministry of Law, Justice and Company Affairs (Department of Company Affairs)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): Madam I lay on the Table—

I. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Law, Justice and Company Affairs (Department of Company Affars) Notification S.O.No.666(E), dated the 3rd October, 1991, amending Schedule II of the Companies Act, 1956, under sub-section (3) of section 641 of the said Act.

II. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Law, Justice and Company Affairs (Department of Company Affairs), under sub-section (3) of section 642 of the Companies Act, 1956:—

(i) G.S.R. No. 614(E), dated the 3rd October, 1991, publishing the Companies (Central Government's) General Rules and Forms (Second Amendment, 1991.

(ii) G.S.R. No. 39(E), dated the 10th January, 1992, publishing the Companies (Acceptance of Deposits) Amendment Rules 1992.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT 1549/92 for (I) and (II)]